## PRESS RELEASE: VOTER INTIMIDATION EMAILS

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Flagler County voters have notified our office concerning voter intimidation emails they received yesterday evening.

The email is from info@officialproudboys.com and states:

"[VOTER NAME] We are in possession of all your information You are currently registered as a Democrat and we know this because we have gained access into the entire voting infrastructure. You will vote for Trump on Election Day or we will come after you. Change your party affiliation to Republican to let us know you received our message and will comply. We will know which candidate you voted for. I would take this seriously if I were you. [ADDRESS IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS]- good luck;)

If you have received this message, please forward it to our general information email address: info@flaglerelections.com

We are collecting this information so it may be reported to the Florida Department of State, Department of Homeland Security and the FBI. Voter intimidation is a crime under both Florida and Federal law.

A statement from Kaiti Lenhart, Flagler County Supervisor of Elections:

"I want to assure our county voters that we are taking every step necessary to ensure your vote counts in this election. First of all, certain voter information is a public record. From my research, it seems the publically available information such as name, address, party affilation and sample ballot email address have been used to personalize this email. The email was only sent to registered Democrats in Florida, although I have seen news reports that simliar emails have been sent in other states as well. We maintain your secret ballot, as required by the US Constitution. No one knows how you vote. Ironically, the email was sent to voters who have already voted early or by mail.

Please do not let this type of behavior discourage you from voting for your candidate of choice. This such an important election and unfortunately these scammers are using public information to attack voter confidence in the voting process. I also hope this incident will be enough to convince the Florida Legislature that voter information should be exempt from public records."